

**MINUTES OF THE
QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, June 26, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Evans,
Senate Chair
Rep. Ron Bigelow,
House Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Trisha Beck
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. David Ure
Rep. Glenn L. Way

Members Excused:

Sen. Paula F. Julander
President Al Mansell
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Kevin S. Garn
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen,
Research Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Junie G. Anderson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order

Chair Bigelow called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

2. Retirement Code Recodification Update

Mr. Kevin Howard, Utah State Retirement Systems, distributed an outline "2002 Retirement Law Recodification" and explained its contents.

3. Utah State Retirement Office — Independent Entities Review

Mr. Larsen gave background on the independent entities structure.

Mr. Howard distributed a handout "Systems, Plans and Programs Administered by the Retirement Board" and discussed it with the committee.

Rep. Buffmire questioned whether a subcommittee or an interim committee should be set up for retirement issues.

Rep. Ure asked if there is current language in the legislation that would keep this committee from enacting a retirement subcommittee. Chair Bigelow explained that, by statute, the Senate and House members from this interim committee are also Senate and House standing committee members during the general session.

Sen. Evans suggested that the committee conduct a two-day workshop to study the retirement system so that the committee has a better understanding of the system and issues can be addressed more efficiently and effectively during the general session.

4. Utah Housing Corporation — Independent Entities Review

Mr. William Erickson, Utah Housing Finance Association (UHFA), advised the committee that he believes public corporation status is the appropriate category for UHFA, as was evidenced in H.B. 386 "Utah Housing Finance Agency Amendments." He spoke in support of H.B. 28 "Independent Entities Act," stating that the processes in H.B. 28 was the blueprint used in developing H.B. 386. He reported on the public corporation status for the agency.

Mr. Larsen discussed the future legal status of UHFA and addressed the three options as outlined in Mr. Howard's previous handout.

The committee asked staff to work with UHFA to establish a model for the process as other quasi-governmental entities are evaluated.

Rep. Ure suggested that UCAN, the Utah State Fair Corporation's Blue Ribbon Task Force, and the Utah Science Center Authority report to the committee.

5. Other Committee Business

The committee scheduled a two-day workshop for August 27 and 28.

6. Adjournment

Due to the lack of a quorum, Chair Bigelow adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.